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RE: News Media/Public Access to

Chairman Greenspan's Monetary Policy Testimony

Wednesday, July 18

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Thank You

Thank you for your interest in our hearing tomorrow. Please understand that we must accommodate Chairman Greenspan and his staff, members of the Committee and their staff, the public, and members of the news media. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Broadcast/Webcast

Chairman Greenspan's monetary policy testimony will be webcast on the Committee's Web site (www.house.gov/financialservices). We anticipate pool television coverage and, although it has not been confirmed yet, a live cable broadcast. Cut crews may cover **one at a time**. Accredited still photographers **only** may use the well in front of the dais.

Seating

Journalists and individuals wishing to be in Room 2128 Rayburn Building during the testimony are advised that space and seats in our hearing room are very limited. There is no standing room. The room will be opened 10-15 minutes prior to the 10 a.m. start.

Members of the public are advised to arrive early. They will be seated as space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public who cannot be seated in the main room are welcome to watch the testimony in our overflow room, Room 2220, located just one flight upstairs.

For news media seats, we allow **accredited** journalists only and **only one** journalist per organization. Some reserved seats are being provided to the largest of the national print and wire outlets. Remaining news media seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis that morning. Journalists who cannot be seated in the main hearing room are directed to our overflow room with television, Room 2220. As news media seats become available in the main room, we will bring you downstairs.

Testimony, Opening Statements

Reporters in the main hearing room will receive testimony and member opening statements at the start of the hearing. Other reporters may pick up testimony and opening statements at the Communications Office, Room 2132 Rayburn Building. Testimony and statements will also be posted on the Committee's homepage. Chairman Oxley's opening statement is embargoed for 10 a.m.

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